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THREE CENTS.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Mr. Long's Sudden Prominence May Change Things.

Might Prefer to By Leader in House to Senator.

POLITICIANS WONDER.

Until Formal Announcement is Made They Will Guess,

Clay County Populists Bitterly Opposed to Fusion.

There is a possibility that recent events in Washington may make con siderable difference in the senatorial contest in Kansas. The high place to which Congressman Long has attained as a Republican leader in the lower se of congress opens wide possibilities before him, and it is by no means improbable that he may choose to retain his seat as the representative of Republican nomination for superintend-

to whether or not it is good political policy, the Populists of this county will not vote a ticket Inbeled Democratic under present conditions.

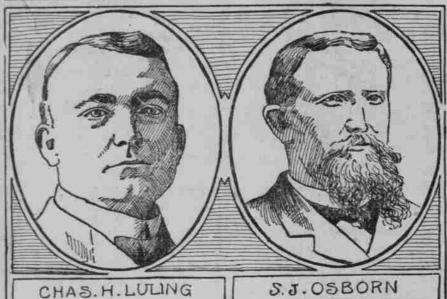
"Knowing this to be a fact, and assuming that Clay is a fair sample of the counties in the state, it is perfectly plain to us that this particular solution of the fusion problem is no solution at ail. It is utterly useless to consider it further. The successful carrying out of a political programme requires votes. When there is, right at the start, positive assurance, on the authority of the voters themselves, that the needed votes are not forthcoming, there is nothing to be gained by further attempts in this direction."

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Commenting on this, ex-State Senator George W. Hanna says that fully 90 per cent. of the Populists of Clay county agree with it.

If the "straight-out" Populists are in control in the state convention there seems to be little doubt that W. J. Batb, of Wichita, will be the Populist nominee for governor. If the fusionists are in control it is quite likely to be Edwin Taylor. Babb is not opposed to fusion on the basis that the two parties have fused heretofore, but he is opposed to giving up the Populist name and adopting the Democratic name, which he believes would be virtually going into the Democratic party. Both Babb and Taylor have made records as leaders in the legislature.

One of the things the politicians are speculating about considerably is the



The Two Republican Candidates For Superintendent of Insurance.

and means committee, rather than go into the senate and take a back seat for a number of years, if it were not for the fact that he has to go through a long, hard fight for his place every two years—for there is no disguising the fact that the Republican congressman from the Seventh congressional district has a fight on his hands at election time, and it is a hard fight to make, owing

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bility that his name might go into history as the author of a financial policy, as did that of President McKinley, when he was a member of congress.

Then, too, if Mr. Long should go to the senate it would mean that he would have to take a back seat in that body for several years. Senatorial dignity demands that new comers shall be seen and not heard. It is three or four years before they are allowed to have a proninent part in senatorial councils, notwithstanding any prominence they may have attained in the lower house.

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But on the other hand a United States senator is a great deal larger man in Washington is very un-democratic. There is a great deal of "caste" about Washington life, and a senator ranks several grades higher than a congressman. For this reason it is the ambition of congressmen to become United States senators, and it may be that Mr. Long would prefer to take senatorial toga and rest in comparative obscurity for a time rather than continue in his exalted place in the house. His friends will not cease their labors in his behalf will not cease their labors in his behalf

Mr. Long has never yet announced at least publicly that he will be a candidate for United States senator, and if he should conclude to retain his present seat, it will probably leave the senatorial contest to a straight fight between Congressman Curtis and Governor Stanley with a possibility that nor Stanley, with a possibility that Con-gressman Bowersock might break into

The Popullsts who are opposed to becoming Democrats or voting a ticket under the Democratic heading, do not propose to be run into the Democratic camp by the Populist central commit-tee when it meets next week. The Clay Center Dispatch this week contains the following editorial:

"The Populist and Democratic state committees are to meet in joint session at Topeka, March 22. The Populist comat Topeka, March 22. The Populist committee is called for the purpose of arranging if possible some scheme 'whereby the whole opposition to the Republican party in the state might be united upon one tlekel and platform.' The Democratic committee is called 'with a view of agreeing upon a line of action that will unite the opposition to the Republican party under the head of Democratic ticket.' A little discrepancy here, as will be readily noted. "The Dispatch isn't greatly concerned as to what these two committees may or may not do, but would rise at this time to make these few pointed remarks. Without discussing the merits of the case, or raising any question as

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ent of insurance. There are two candidates, C. H. Lulling, of Wichita, and S. J. Osborn, of Salina. The odds are in favor of Luling, but there is one thing that is against him. The nomination for superintendent of insurance will be the last thing on the ticket, and there is danger that at least three other Seventh district men will land before him, and this would probably deprive Luling of the nomination. In the first place, the Seventh district has two candidates for places on the supreme bench, and both of them will be nominated. Then "Billy" Glenn is making a strong canvass for lleutenant governor. The pins have been set up to give that place to Dave Hanna, but there is a possibility that the pins might get knocked down. The Seventh also has two candidates for attorney general, and Harry Bone especially is very strong. There is, too, a probability that a Seventh district man will capture the nomination for superintendent of public instruction. If any of these things should happen it would probably shut Luling out, for the Seventh can hardly hope to get more than three of the four-formed are the conditions.

We'll try. We can't tell what we can do till we try. There are not as many joints here now as there were when I took the office. There were 54 joints in Topeka then, by actual count. Yesterday when Tim notified the joints in town."

"So it has been your plan to order the joints to close ever since the supreme court decided the Hurrel law case?" queried the reporter.

"Just say that I was 'skoered' of McFarland, replied the mayor. "Say to the darp pople that I was 'skoered' of McFarland, replied the mayor. "Say to the fight in the Fourth ward for the Republicant nor of councilman—the old, steady, reliable Fourth ward. That the light was clear drawn between an administration candidate won by 207 votes. Dr. McFarland was out characteristic that the polis all day. I am told his wife was out working, too, and that she is such an invalid that she can go to church only once in the Seventh Kansas district, where he is one of the most influential members, rather than go to the senate where it might take him four or five years to attain reminence.

An intimate friend of Mr. Long stated in an interview in the State Journal some time ago that Long would doubtless prefer to remain in the house, where some time ago that Long would doubtless prefer to remain in the house, where
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have a very strong support from his home county, but if Luling is shut out he will likely get the nomination, under present conditions, although Luling has Sedgwick county, one of the strongest in the state, solid for him. Both Luling and Osborn have served in the legislature, and Osborn was speaker.

From the Courtland Register it is learned that D. Y. Wilson may be addressed as "Dick."

Dell Valentine moves, in the Clay Center Times, that the Fifth district counties shall not instruct for anybody but Fifth district men.

The combination of "the field" candidates for governor into a "syndicate" for the avowed purpose of defeating Bailey is not meeting with approval in some quarters. Here is a comment from the Osborne Farmer: "It's the field against Bailey in the

fight for the gubernatorial nomination.
And the Furmer hopes that Bailey will be strong enough to defeat the opposition combination—and it looks as if he was going to do that very thing." The resolutions adopted by the Allen

county convention last week were along the same line and were totally unex-pected by the friends of Bailey. The pected by the friends of Bailey. The dispatches from Iola following the convention gave the resolution in part, but left out a considerable portion of it. The resolution in full was as follows:

"The Republicans of Allen county look with disfavor upon the formation of any so-called politicial syndicates, organized for the purposes of bringing about the defeat of honorable men for office without a well defined and puboffice without a well defined and pub-licly declared effort for some man equal-ly as good and honorable. And this convention hereby suggests to the del-egates this day chosen to the state con-

egates this day chosen to the state convention that they support for state offices good and honorable Republicans who have the courage and manhood to run for office alone upon their records and upon their merits. Any other course is dangerous in the extreme, and is a method that, if encouraged, will bring about nominations satisfactory to

none, and must sooner or later lead to defeat or disaster."

This virtually amounts to an instruc-tion for Balley unless the field candi-dates disavow the combination against him.

The situation in the Third congressional district is considerably changed by the defeat of Fitzpatrick in his home county. Fitzpatrick was an avowed Burton man, and it is claimed that this fact was responsible for his defeat. W. H. Sproul, a young attorney, defeated him in his home precinct. If this is true it shows something of the standing of Senator Burton among Chautauqua county Republicans. county Republicans.

The removal of Fitzpatrick from the race is what brought out Phil Campbell, of Pittsburg. Crawford county has

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Mayor Parker Facetiously Discusses Closing of Joints.

Says He Was Frightened at Dr. Mc Farland.

MAKES OBSERVATIONS.

Lesson of Fourth Ward Councilman Contest.

Says His Preacher Critic Pays Little Taxes.

Mayor Parker was in a humorous mood this morning. He juggled his joint-closing order about, and he joked as he juggled, and juggled as he joked. until it was impossible to tell how much of his remarks to take seriously and how much should be classified in som other category. It was as bad as performance of Anna Eva Fay. "Why did I have the joints closed?"

said the mayor, in answer to a ques tion. "Why did I? Well, I'll tell you, and you can tell the dear people. I got 'skeered' of McFarland. He said be 'skeered' of McFarland. He said he would impeach me and put a blister on me I would wear all my life, if I didn't close them, and so I thought I'd better close them. There's no use talking, I was 'skeered.' He came up here and said he would impeach me. I just told the gentleman that he couldn't begin any too soon to please me. 'Begin today,' I said to him, 'delays are dangerous. Go ahead and impeach.'

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"You Journal folks printed a piece yesterday that City Attorney Spencer and I had been having a conference about closing up the joints. Well, you were off. I did not issue my orders as a result of that talk. It just happened that Spencer and I were talking here, and Tim Donovan came in. There was no prearranged conference. I have had several conferences with Tim about closing the joints. I told Tim to notify the joints to close. I didn't give him the order yesterday, and didn't know he was going to notify the joint keepers yesterday. It was all a surprise to me that he notified them."

"Will you keep the joints closed?" asked the reporter.

The mayor was silent for about ten long seconds. Then he said: "Well, we'll try Well,

long seconds. Then he said: "Well, we'll try. We can't tell what we can do till we try. There are not as many

PEOPLE ARE COMING.

Kansas on the Eve of an Immigration Movement.

Reports from over the state indicate that Kansas is on the eve of a considerable immigration movement. As fast as people hear of the resources of Kansas they want to come here to live.
A short time ago Secretary Coburn, A short time ago Secretary Coburn of the department of agriculture, received a letter from a New York woman, stating that three families wished information about Kansas with a view to locating in this state, and that the secretary of the department of agricul-ture at Washington had referred her to

Mr. Coburn. Secretary Coburn sent the lady a mis Secretary Coburn sent the lady a mis-cellaneous collection of his literature on Kansas and turned the letter over to D. O. McCray, the Kansas immigration commissioner, who supplemented Mr. Coburn's supply with other literature. Today Mr. McCray received a letter from the parties stating that one of them would be here in a few days to secure a location.

EIGHTY PER CENT.

Frisco Athletic Club's Bid For Fitz-Jeff Bout.

San Francisco, March 15.-Blds for the fight between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries were to have been opened at 9 o'clock today, San Francisco time but opening was postponed until 5:45 this evening owing to the non-arrival of Jeffries and Billy Delaney. They were on their way to San Francisco from Los Angeles, but were delayed by a railroad wreck at Vallejo. It is probable that the contest will go to some club on the Pacific coast. The Yosemite club on the Pacific coast. The Yosemite and Twentieth Century clubs of San Francisco, the Athletic club and a Los Angeles club are prepared to do some lively bidding. The San Francisco Ath-letic club's bid, it is understood, is 80 per cent. of the receipts. The bids of the other clubs have not been made oublic.

GOOD WORDS FOR LONG. Washington Post Suggests Him For the Next Senatorial Vacancy.

Washington, March 15 .- The Washington Post pays this compliment to Rep-resentative Long of Kansas: "While some of the Michigan con-gressmen are quaking in their shoes lest reciprocity with Cuba should prove their political doom, Representative Long of Kansas views the situation with happy serenity. It may be that, out of the struggle in the house he may emerge as the next senator from Kansas. As everybody knows, there is a lively contest in that state for the seat now occupled by Senator Harris. Mr. Long is one of the candidates. Early in the sugar fight—long before Payhe and Dalzell and Grosvenor and the other leaders of the ways and means committee had been won over to reciprocity—Mr. Long arrayed himself in favor of relief to Cuba along administration lines, and has since been regarded as the foremost fighter in reciprocity ranks. The prominence which he has gained and which he deserves, for he is an able thinker and the possessor of keen political judgment, has helped him immensely in Kansas. Expressions from all over the state indicate the popular pleasure that there is a Kansas man in Washington who can lead the procession. Mr. Long represents one of the largest congressional districts in the United States. It comprises no less than thirty-seven counties, covering an area which, it is said, is almost equal to half the size of Missouri." said, is almost equal to half the size of

His Place Has Been Offered to President of B. of L. F.

Washington, March 15.-The position of commissioner general of immigration has been tendered by the president to Frank P. Sargeant, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen to succeed T. V. Powderly, the present incumbent. It is understood that the reason for the president's action in desiring to relieve Mr. Powderly is because he has not worked in harmony with the higher officials of the treasury department, which has resulted in more or less friction. It also has been deter-mined to relieve Thomas Fitchie, com-missioner at New York and his as-sociate, Edward F. McSweeney. The changes, it is said, will take effect April 1, although it is not given out who will succeed the two latter officials.

STATE CLOSES.

Stewart Fife's Attorney Makes His Opening Statement.

Kansas City, March 15.-A Star special from Savannah, Mo., says: In the trial of Stewart Fife for the murder of Frank W. Richardson the state today practically closed its side state today practically closed its side of the case. They asked, however, to be allowed to examine one other witness, Lyda Fuson, early next week when that witness who is ill is able to come in court. The state previously asserted that they would prove by the Fuson woman that Fife had made admissions to her after the murder of Richardson that would connect him with the crime. She was not to be found when the state called her name two days ago.

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Sheriff Holcomb was recalled today and cross examined about the finding of a revolver by Carl Rickoff in a sewer yesterday. The state submitted as evidence this revolver with the statement the bullet taken from Richardson's head was of the same size as the empty shell found in the revolver. James W. Boyd, the leading counsel for Fife, then made this statement for

The defense would show he said, that Richardson had once asked his wife to drive Fife down to the square; that when he went to North Yakima, Wash-

volver found by the Rickoff boy was placed there a long time after the mur-der and that Fife was at the Owl club rooms at the time the murder was committed. Addle B. Richardson, widow of dead man, was the first witness called by the defense. She explained presence at different times

The only time she had gone riding with him was when her husband requested her to drive the horse to the public square and water it, telling her at the same time to take Fife along. When seen on the stone steps with Fife she said she was looking for her husband who was deaded. only time she had gone riding

band, who was drunk.

Richardson had taken a cure for drunkenness, and she told of his quarreling on the street with Fife. Witness shed tears when she said her husband was not abusive when sober, but only when drunk. She told the same story of the murder as she had related it at her own trial a month ago.

MERCURY ON A SLIDE. Got Down to the Freezing Point Today.

The snow which the government weather bureau expected last night fail-ed to arrive but there was just enough rain to save the announcement that there would be a precipitation.

The rain amounted to one hundredth of an inch. The forecast sent out this morning was "partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Colder east portion tonight."

The wind this morning was from the The wind this morning was from the west blowing 20 miles an hour. The hourly temperatures were all lower than for the last few days and were recorded by the government thermometer o'clock.......31'11 o'clock.......39 o'clock......31'12 o'clock.......39

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CHICAGO BENCH SHOW. About 1,000 Dogs on Exhibition, Many Owned by Women.

Chicago, March 15.-The annual bench chicago, March Is.—The annual bench show of the Chicago Kennel club, prac-tically closed with a parade of prize winning dogs and their owners. The show has been one of the most success-ful ever held in Chicago, about 1,000 dogs having been on exhibition, Many of the exhibitors were women of the fashionable world.

**All records for sales have been broken All records for sales have been broken

* All records for sales have been broken at this year's show, more than \$50,000 having changed bands. Many of the finest dogs from the east have been purchased on local account and will hereafter be owned by Chicagoans.

The association is composed of eleven organizations, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, South Dakota, International of Canada, Western of Kansas City, Illinois, Iowa and Alabama.

Temperatures of Large Cities. Chicago, March 15.—7 a. m. tempera-tures: New York. Philadelphia and Washington 38 each; Boston 36; Chicago, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, 46 each; St. Louis 52.

Great South African Promoter Nearing the End.

RHODES IS DYING

Oxygen is Being Administered to Keep Him Alive.

DO WHAT THEY CAN.

His Physician in Cable Connection With London

Heart Specialist Who Attended Him Last Year.

Cape Town, March 15.-Cecil Rhodes, at this hour, is in a very critical condi-

Mr. Rhodes passed a very bad night. His condition at times was very critical



and the attending physicians had frequent recourse to oxygen. The patient's continued loss of strength causes great anxiety. The physicians are in constant cable communication with the London heart specialist, who attended Mr. Rhodes last year.

WILL FIGHT BILLARD.

Woman's League Decides to Help Defeat Him.

An unusually large meeting of the Woman's Municipal League was held in Lincoln Post hall Friday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the suc-cessful outcome of their efforts before the primaries, and to make plans for

the primaries, and to make plans for the approaching election.

Rev. Mr. Hatfield of the Third Presbyterian church opened the afternoon with an address, "Women in Politics," which was enthusiastically received by the league. Mr. E. R. Simon followed with a short talk, urging the women to register and gave them a little information in regard to preparing their ballot.

Miss Olive I. Bray, president of the

mation in regard to preparing their ballot.

Miss Olive I. Bray, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union, told something about the work of the union, also some of her experiences during the past twenty years which she has devoted to the cause of temperance. She says: "The growth of the women's organizations and women individually has been remarkable during the last few years. But a short time ago they were afraid to be connected even remotely with anything that bordered on politics, and many women withdrew from the union because a franchise department was to be added, and today some of those self same women are among the most enthusiastic workers the same women are among the most enthusiastic workers among the post enthusiastic workers among the post enthusiastic workers and clerks is that of being tragated to the connected of the great transportation strike in this city has narrowed today to the issue between the freight clerks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Boston & Maine raffroads.

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some of those self same women are among the most enthusiastic workers in this municipal league."

Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter gave a short outline of the workings of the league for the benefit of the new members and again urged them to register.

J. B. Billard of the First ward, who wishes to become a member of the school board will most emphatically not receive the support of the league. Many of the women in the league have children in school and are strongly opposed to having on the school board a man who took such a stand in regard to devotional exercises in the schools as did Mr. Billard.

It was unanimously decided that the

It was unanimously decided that the league extend a vote of appreciation to the judges of the supreme court for their decision in regard to the Hurrel law. A letter of appreciation is also to be sent to Dr. J. T. McFarland for his last Sunday evening sermon, and to Rev. C. M. Sheldon for his assistance in the temperance cause. A complete canvass of the city is to be made before the election and printed slips will be circulated instructing the people how to vote.

The membership of the league is rapidly growing and several more meetings will be held before the election.

UP GO INSURANCE RATES

Poor Companies Are "Losing" Money in Kansas.

Insurance rates are going up in Topeka. It is said Topeka has enjoyed lower insurance rates than any other city of its size in the United States, and that the insurance companies are now being forced to increase the rates owing to a large loss on the last two years business which sounds funny as well as ridiculous.

The increase is to be about 25 per cent and to cover mercantile properties where the are no ladgence above. peka. It is said Topeka has enjoyed

and to cover mercantile properties where thre are no lodgings above and which have not been rerated during the past year, and on stocks of merchandise, manufacturing establishments and mills and elevators. It is also said there will be releve on form preparation. will be raises on farm properties.

Special. Brusselline rug, 22x42 inches, free to purchasers one pound paking powder. Hurry; supply is limited. UNION PACIFIC TEA CO., 513 Kansas Avenue.

Weather Indications. Chicago, March 15.—Forecast for Kan-sas: Partly cloudy tonight and Sus-day: colder in east portion; northwest

MANDAMUS REFUSED. J. N. Stewart Can Not Get Help From Judge Hazen.

Judge Hazen has refused to interferent the First commissioner district

troubles.

J. N. Stewart, who won at the recent primaries against S. H. Haines for the nomination of county commissioner, objected to the committee calling another primary in the district because of the irregularities in Menoken township. He demanded that the vote on commissioner be canvassed. Chairman Hungate, following the decision of the committee, refused to canvass the returns, and Stewart, through his attorneys. mittee, refused to canvass the returns, and Stewart, through his attorneys, made application to Judge Hazen for a mandamus to compel the committee to canvass the commissioner vote. Judge Hazen announced that a mandamus could not be issued, as the decision of the committee was final, and that the courts had no jurisdiction in the case.

Two Powder Mills Blow Up Near Columbus.

One Workman Killed and Many Are Injured.

Kansas City, March 15 .- A special to the Star from Columbus, Kas., says: I'wo mills of the Laflin & Rand powder works, four miles north of this city, exploded at noon today. Walter Reid, workman, was killed and several others injured. Many thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed. The explosion was plainly felt 30 miles

ONE DEAD; 7 INJURED.

Explosion in Mixing Department of a Torpedo Factory.

Cleveland March 15.-An explosion in the powder-mixing department of the Fairmount Manufacturing company at 2294 Euclid avenue early today resulted in the death of one girl employe, while at least seven other persons were seriously injured. The dead:

ANNA FRITZ, 17 years old. The injured: Christine Smitzer, probably fatally

Kittle Howard, will probably die.
Frank Grosch, arm broken and body
bruised and burned.
Augusta Alden, burned and injured by

Augusta Alden, burned and injured by jumping from second story window.

Lena Kort, back injured in jumping from second story window.

Mrs. Liza Cottill, burned and bruised.

Helen Carey, jumped from second story window; back injured.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The front of a two story frame building was blown completely out and the plant burned out by fire which followed the explosion. The company manlowed the explosion. The company manufactures railroad torpedoes. The pecuniary loss will not exceed \$10,000.

About three weeks ago an explosion similar to the one of today, although of considerably less force occurred at the torpedo factory. At that time no one was hurt by the explosion, but several girls jumped from the windows.

2,000 STILL OUT.

lers and clerks is that of being taken back in a body instead of being treated as new men. The only concession thus far made by the railroads is that they will take back as many men as they can find places for without prejudice but the strikers refuse to yield. They are about 2000 in number

but the strikers refuse to yield. They are about 2,000 in number.

Practically all others engaged in the strike had observed the order declaring the strike off today. Some of the long-shoremen found that their places had been filled but those who would not return today relying on Governor Crane's representation that all difficulties would representation that all difficulties would be settled in due time, faced the condi-tions with more or less patience. The team drivers, whose return yesterday did much to relieve the congest ed freight houses and docks, the coal teamsters, the longshoremen and the ex-pressmen were nearly all at work as

NOT IN A TRUST.

That's What the Kansas Ice Makers Say.

Kansas City, March 15.-The Western Ice Manufacturers' association, an organization composed of makers of artificial ice in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma is in session here. The organization has about one hundred members and more than fifty were present when the busi-ness session was called to order in the club room of the Hotel Baltimore. "What is the object of your organiza-tion?" and "Will the convention order an increase in the price of ice this suman increase in the price of ice this sum-mer?" are two questions frequently ask-ed of the icemen today. The same re-plies were made to the questions by ev-ery officer of the big association.
"This organization is not a trust," said President A. Menny to a reporter. "We have organized, not for the pur-pose of controlling the price of ice, but to discuss matters pertaining to the de-tails of the processes of manufacturing

to discuss matters pertaining to the details of the processes of manufacturing artificial ice. We meet once a year to get better acquainted and to learn what we can about improved processes."

Notwithstanding the many denials of the ice men that they are not meeting to control prices, it is admitted that the organization is so powerful that it can increase the price of ice in many states.

The officers of the Ice Manufacturers' association are: A. Menny, of Kamsas City, president; J. A. Kimbali, of Salina, Kas., vice president; W. L. Dickey, of Topeka, Kas., secretary and treasurer.

RIVER PIRATES.

They Raid the Morris Residence at Throggs Neck.

Carry Off Silver Plate Worth \$1,000.

ESCAPE IN A YACHT.

After a Running Pistol Fight With Caretakers.

Dropped \$500 Worth of Silver in Their Flight.

New York, March 15,-River pirates have raided the handsome residence of

New York, March 15, New praces have raided the handsome residence of John A. Morris, at Throggs Neck, on Long Island sound, and after a running fight with pistols with two caretakers escaped in a yacht with more than \$1.000 worth of silver plate.

The Morris mansion adjoins the country estate of Coilis P. Huntington, and is guarded during the winter season by two caretakers. They were asleep when the robbers raised a ladder to the second story, broke a window and entered, and creeping into the sleeping room covered the caretakers with pistois. The men were bound, but succeeded in loozening the cords. They secured revolvers, and the robbers, who were at work down stairs, fied with the caretakers in pursuit. Many ineffective shots were exchanged.

A dory was anchored on the beach, and into this the pirates threw a heavy bag filled with the silverware, leaped after it, and while one manned the oars his companion kept up a steady fire with his nited.

after it, and while one manned the oars his companion kept up a steady fire with his pistol. The caretakers answered shot for shot. A short distance from the beach a yacht was waiting, and the phrates apparently reached this in safety. The caretakers saw several men on the yacht make sail hurriedly, and the boat swung into the wind and raced off down the sound.

Returning to the house the caretakers picked up on the way more than \$500 worth of silverware which the pirates had dropped in their flight.

JERRY SIMPSON GOES.

Locates at Roswell, N. M., to Engage in Cattle Industry.

Wichita, Kan., March 15 .- Jerry Simpson, the noted Populist statesman, together with his family, left Wichita and Kansas today for Roswell, N. M. He will make that city his future home and will engage in cattle raising. Roswell is a new fast growing town recently reached by the Rock Island coast line,

SEIZED THE LIQUOR.

Club Proprietor Under Arrest at Smith Center.

Smith Center, Kas., March 15 .- E. E. Smith Center, Kas., March 16.—E. E. Nelson is under arrest here charged with running a club room on the Utopia plan. Nelson gave bond, but the stock of liquors was seized and is being held by the sheriff until the case is disposed of at the regular term of the district court beginning March 24. A temporary injunction was secured against the owner of the building. The complaint against Nelson charges him with maintaining a common nuisance as defined taining a common nuisance as defined by the Hurrel act and with selling in-toxicating liquors. Nelson had been running but a few weeks, and his place is the only one opened in town since the joints here were closed a year ago during the Nation craze. This is the only criminal case slated for the com-ing term of court, and the civil suits amount to scarcely a dozen.

EATS WITH ROOSEVELT.

Gen. Funston Takes Luncheon at the White House.

Washington, March 15.-Brigadier Washington, March 15.—Brigadler General Frederick Funston today lunched with the president, after having begin in consultation with him for some time. Earlier in the day General Funston called at the war department and reported his arrival to Adjutant General Corbin. He also paid his respects to Lieutenant General Miles.

Nothing has yet been arranged with regard to the future duties of General Funston, but it is probable that he will not be sent back to the Philippines unless he wishes to go there.

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Body of the Late John P. Altgeld Viewed by Thousands.

Chicago, March 15.—The body of the late John P. Altgeld lay in state in the public library today and was viewed by thousands of people. A large crowd was waiting when the casket was brought in at 10 a, m. At 10 o'clock tonight the coffin will be closed, and tomorrow it will be taken to Graceland corners. In the procession in the tomorrow it will be taken to Graceland cemetery. In the procession to the cemetery will be Governor Yates and staff, state, county and municipal legislators and officials, judges, the united Turner societies, Democratic political organizations, labor unions, civic and fraternal societies, Boer sympathizers, the Altgeld legion, and citizens generally.

CHOCTAW EXTENSIONS.

Will Reach the Santa Fe and Rock

Island Lines.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—It was learned tonight from a trustworthy source that the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad has decided to expend more than \$12,600,000 in extensions and branches, roadbed improvements and additional equipment, and within a short time a complete survey will be made into New Mexico connecting with the Pecos Valley and also west to conthe Pecos Valley and also west to con-nections with the Rock Island. Event-ually, with the New Mexican connec-tions, and connections with the Rock Island the Choctaw will reach the guif and the Pacific ocean.

Weekly Bank Statement.

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New York, March 15.—The statement of the associated banks for the week ending today shows: Loans \$920,730,100, decrease \$14,230,000; deposits \$384,270,000, decrease \$21,296,700; circulation \$31,497,-900, increase \$811,300; legal tenders \$70,614,500, decrease \$831,100; specie \$179,190,900, decrease \$831,100; reserves \$245,205,-400, decrease \$5,338,600; reserves \$245,205,-400, decrease \$6,169,700; reserves required \$246,692,500, decrease \$5,324,175; surplus \$3,112,000, decrease \$345,525.